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Ms. Borwhat is co-founder and President of the Women's Cancer Advocacy Network (WCAN), a nonprofit organization dedicated to informing patients and advocates about services, research, and issues related to women's cancer. She served on the Commonwealth of Virginia General Assembly Study Group on Patient Information in 1996 providing a consumer's perspective regarding informed consent and patient information. Ms. Borwhat organized advocate participation at the Workshop Conference on Treatment of Estrogen Deficiency Symptoms in Women Surviving Breast Cancer and co-authored Menopause: Treatment Options for Women Surviving Breast Cancer or Concerned about Estrogen Replacement Therapy in 1998. She serves as consumer advocate for the Department of Defense Research and Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) in Breast Cancer conducted at Georgetown University's Lombardi Cancer Center. Ms. Borwhat serves on several committees of Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB), a national clinical trials cooperative group and is involved in the development of training materials for advocates for The Coalition of National Cancer Cooperative Groups. Ms. Borwhat serves on the Bioethics Working Group of the Cancer Genetics Network (CGN); the Consumer Involvement Working Group of the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer; and the Advocate Committee to the Working Group on Liaison to Advocacy and Voluntary Organizations for the National Cancer Institute's Liaison Activities Branch (formerly the Office of Liaison Activities). She has authored articles on consumer participation, reviews both public and privately funded grant proposals for cancer research, and has testified before the FDA's Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee.